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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David Ralph *et al*.

Serial No.: 09/660,568

Filed: September 11, 2000

For: DIAGNOSIS OF DISEASE STATE USING

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LEUKOCYTES

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: McGarry, Sean

Atty. Dkt. No.: UROC:014USD1

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants request an extension of time of three months to and including September 24, 2004 in which to file their response to the Final Office Action dated March 24, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the extension fee is \$950.00. A check for \$1280 is enclosed which includes the fee for the extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/UROC:014USD1.

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